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POLAND

Regime leaders continue to take a conciliatory line toward the free trade union Solidarity, but with little evident effect on Solidarity and on individual union leaders who continue to press the government.

Party leader Kania on Wednesday told party activists in Krakow that the party should help Solidarity pass from a "provisional" status to one in which the union can assist the regime in finding a way out of the present crisis. Stefan Olszowski, apparently the number-two man in the regime, on the same day told another group of party members that the party and state had an "attitude of partnership" toward Solidarity.

Kania also spoke of the "need" for party members to join Solidarity, in part a defensive recognition that many lower ranking Party members have already joined unions and that the regime cannot prevent others from doing so. The party probably also wants to have more reliable members join the union so that they can influence it from within.

As a note of balance, both Kania and Olszowski criticized Solidarity's strike threat. Olszowski said "antisocialist forces" within the workers' movement are a threat to the unions.

Kania admitted that the party needs to act, not merely talk, to regain the people's trust. He also said that further changes in the party are in the offing, particularly affecting those members "unable to adapt" to new conditions. Last week the Politburo said that it "expected" regional party officials to observe the agreements the regime signed with the strikers.

Despite the regime's talk of partnership, union leaders continue to press their demands. Solidarity leader Walesa told a British journalist this week that, while he expects the Supreme Court to rule in the union's favor on the controversy over the union's charter, the union would launch a long series of one-day strikes if the Court rules adversely. Transport workers threatened

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yesterday to stage a one-hour strike today unless the government begins negotiations with workers in the health services.

The Church's Attitude

Polish Primate Wyszynski reportedly has told Pope John Paul II that he had formed a generally favorable opinion of Kania during his meeting with him last month, and he believes it is essential for the Church in Poland to support the party. Wyszynski reportedly said that the Church has a responsibility to prevent the trial of strength between the workers and the regime from reaching a breaking point--which could lead to Soviet intervention.

This report of Wyszynski's remarks is probably incomplete and may contain some exaggerations. It is clear, however, that the Church has decided to aid the regime at least indirectly by cautioning the trade unions and workers to pursue a moderate line. It also is clear that the Church fears that a violent confrontation between the workers and the regime would lead to a Soviet invasion.

The Romanian View

President Ceausescu believes the USSR will invade Poland during 1-5 December. Ceausescu reportedly thinks that the Soviets cannot wait much longer than that to "settle" the Polish problem because the "Polish disease" is already spreading elsewhere in Eastern Europe.

Ceausescu apparently was asked last month by the Soviet Ambassador how Romania would respond to a Soviet move into Poland. He allegedly replied that Romania would refuse to participate.

Ceausescu, nonetheless, is said to believe that a Soviet invasion is necessary for the maintenance of the "socialist system" in Eastern Europe. He seems to have

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intended his recent public criticism of the Polish workers' movement as an accommodation to the Soviets and as Romania's "contribution" to Soviet intervention. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] probably do not accurately reflect what Ceausescu may have said. They probably do represent, however, the kinds of thinking and rumors that are circulating in the climate of uncertainty that exists today in Eastern Europe. [REDACTED]

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